

# Welcome

## DEL AMO SUPERFUND SITE COMMUNITY MEETING

DEL AMO OPERABLE UNIT – 1 (OU-1)  
SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION SYSTEM (SVE) VAPOR TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY



1941



1971



2018

The tables tonight are staffed by representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and consultants working on behalf of the Del Amo Superfund Site.

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# THE SITE

## FORMER DEL AMO FACILITY

- Harbor Gateway neighborhood (City of Los Angeles)
- A 280-acre area
  - Synthetic rubber manufacturing operations



1942-1971

Synthetic rubber manufactured at the plant resulted in contamination.



1972

Plant dismantled and pits and ponds covered with soil.



1970s-1980s

Land sold to a developer. The property was subdivided and redeveloped.



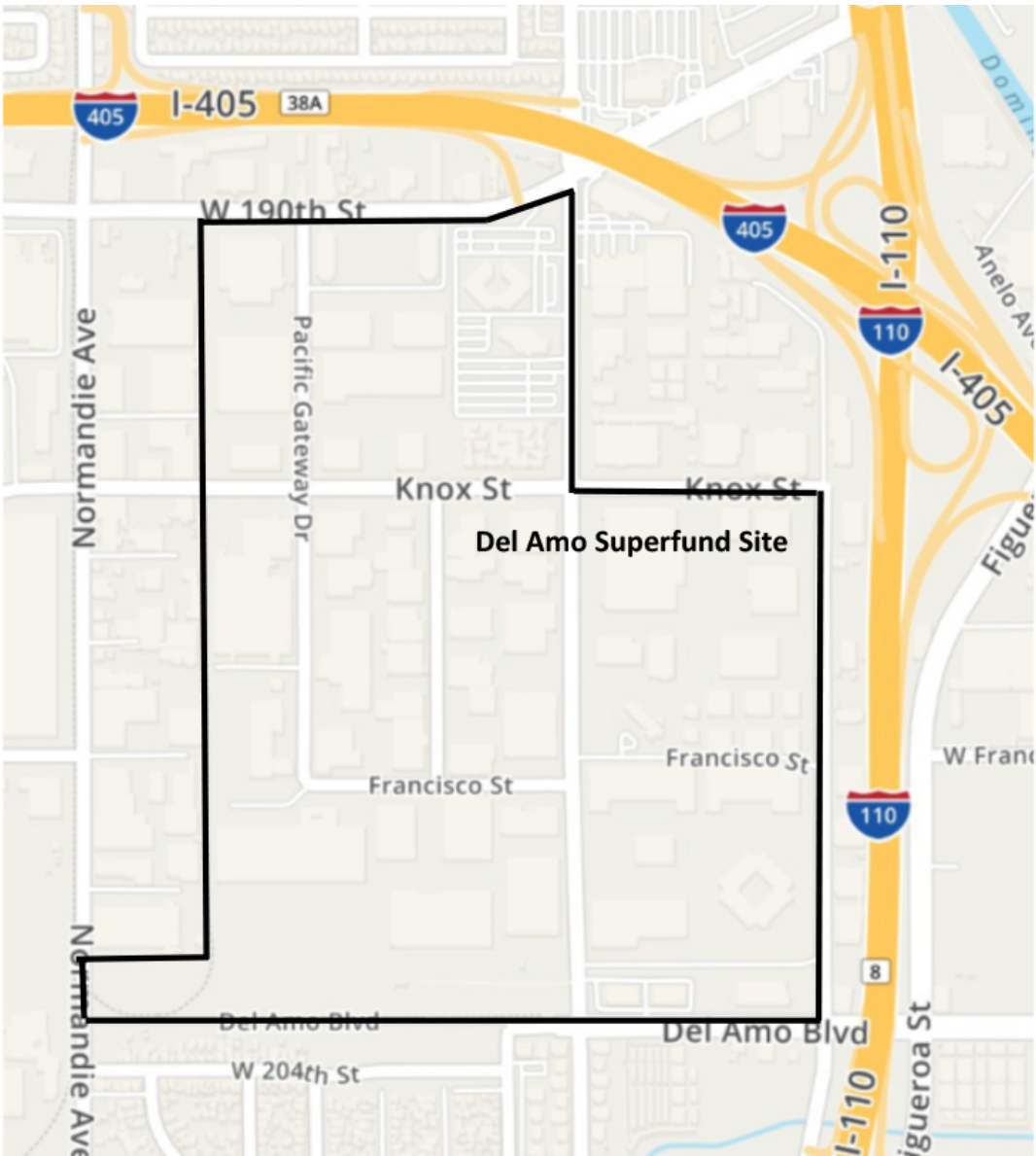
1992

EPA assumed lead agency responsibilities.



2002

USEPA placed the Del Amo site on the National Priorities List (NPL).



Zoning for the majority of the site parcels is designated as heavy or light manufacturing/industrial, with one parcel having a dual industrial-commercial zoning designation. Anticipated future land use at the site is commercial/industrial, the same as the current land use.



# SUPERFUND CONTACTS AND PROCESS

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## SUPERFUND CLEANUP PROCESS

### ASSESSMENT

- Discovery of Contamination
- Preliminary Assessment
- Site Inspection
- NPL Site Listings

### CHARACTERIZATION

- Remedial Investigation (RI), Feasibility Study (FS) & Proposed Plan

### SELECTION OF REMEDY

- Record of Decision (ROD)

### CLEANUP

- Remedial Design
- Remedial Action

### POST- CONSTRUCTION

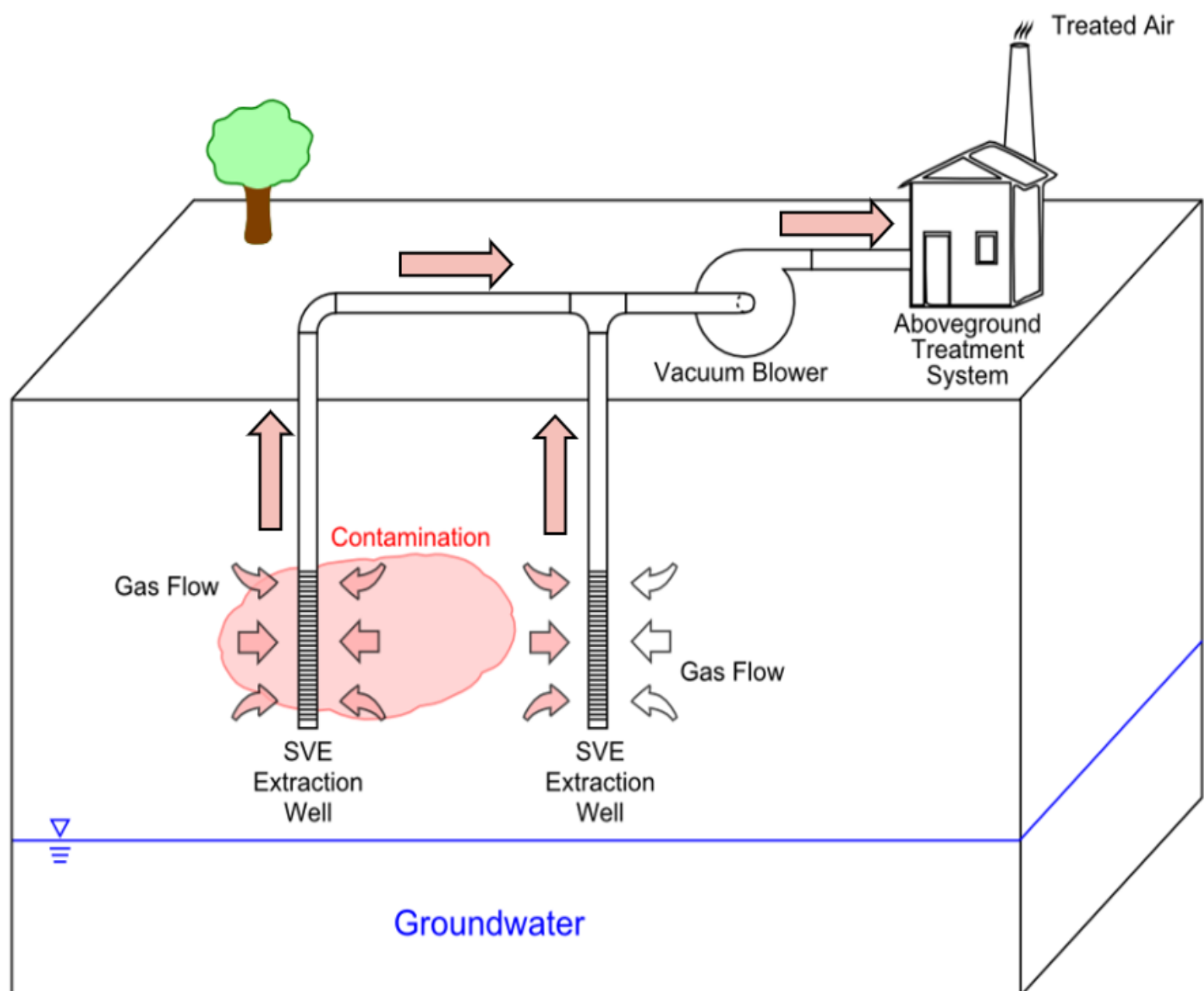
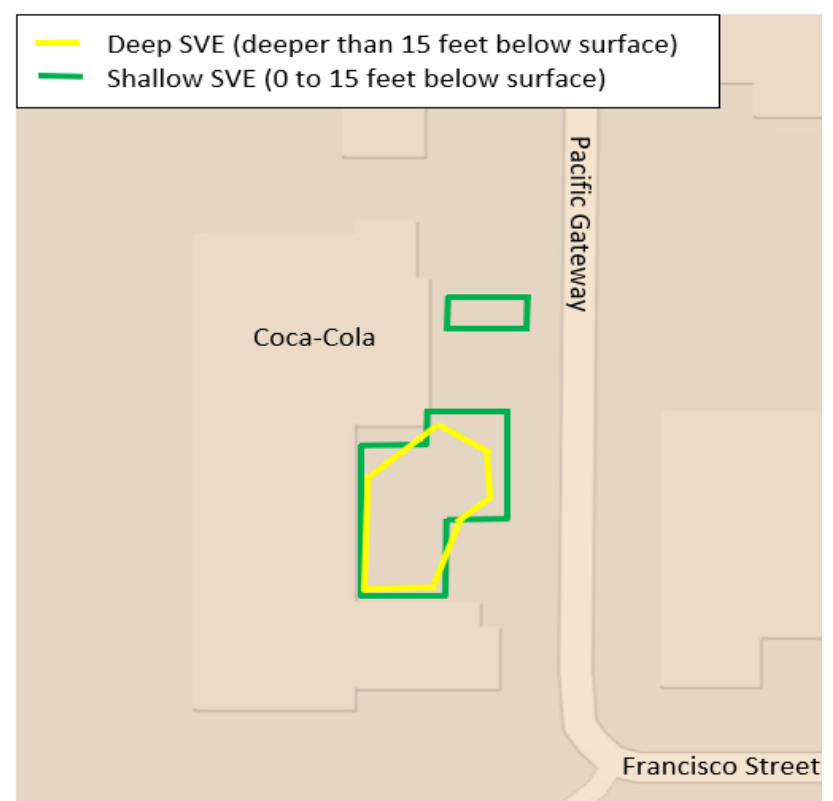
- Operation and Maintenance (O&M)
- NPL Deletion



# REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGY

## SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION

1. Extraction wells are installed into the contaminated soil
2. The wells are attached to equipment that creates a vacuum
3. Vapors are pulled from the soils through wells with vacuum blower
4. Vapors are treated in aboveground equipment





# VAPOR TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

Per the Record of Decision (ROD), four cleanup technologies were evaluated.

## VAPOR TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

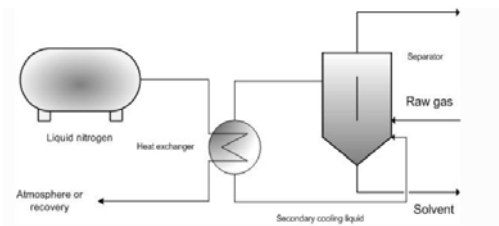
### TECHNOLOGY



Thermal Oxidizer



Activated Carbon



Cryogenic-Compression and Condensation



Internal Combustion Engine (ICE)

### BENEFITS

- Proven technology for high volatile organic compound concentrations
- Highest removal efficiency of all options - up to 99.95%
- High reliability
- Reduced energy use by as much as 90% compared to others, reducing the carbon footprint
- Waste is treated on-site, avoiding waste transportation through neighborhoods

- Proven technology for lower volatile organic compound concentrations (treatment area has higher concentrations)
- Can achieve up to 98% removal efficiency
- Lower energy use when volatile organic compound concentrations are low because technology does not need fuel for vapor treatment

- Proven technology for high volatile organic compound concentrations, reduced efficiency for lower concentrations
- High removal efficiency of >99%

- Proven technology using extracted vapors as fuel source
- Lower removal efficiency of 90%-98%

### ISSUES

- Up to 10 times higher fuel use for certain vapor concentrations
- Need to evaluate potential for dioxin/furan creation

- Increased transportation of contaminated materials (carbon) through the neighborhood for several years
- Increased carbon footprint due to increased on-site maintenance
- Prolonged cleanup time due to lower efficiency

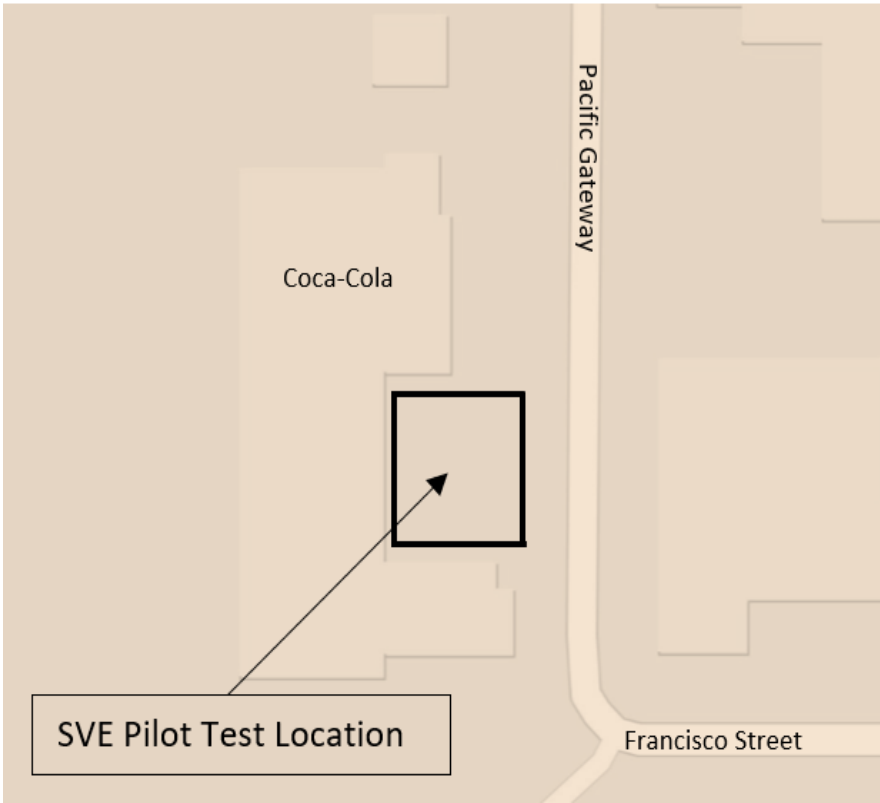
- Recovered product requires disposal as hazardous waste by incineration
- Increased transportation of contaminated materials (hazardous waste liquid) through the neighborhood for several years
- Increased carbon footprint due to trucking of waste and high on-site electrical use

- Complex system requires additional maintenance
- More applicable to short-term use
- Lower removal efficiency of 90%-98%



# THERMAL OXIDIZER SVE PILOT TEST RESULTS (2018)

## SVE PILOT TEST PROPERTY / EQUIPMENT



## THERMAL TREATMENT EFFICIENCY

### ACITIVTY DATES

- Shallow Test: April 2-6, 2018
- Deep Test: April 9-13, 2018

### RESULTS

- Treatment efficiency was at 99.75%, surpassing regulatory standards for air emissions.
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## RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THERMAL OXIDIZER SVE OPERATION

In addition to assessing the treatment technology, we also looked at potential health impacts based on state/federal standards. This is a risk assessment, which is the process to estimate the nature and probability of adverse health effects in humans who may be exposed contamination.

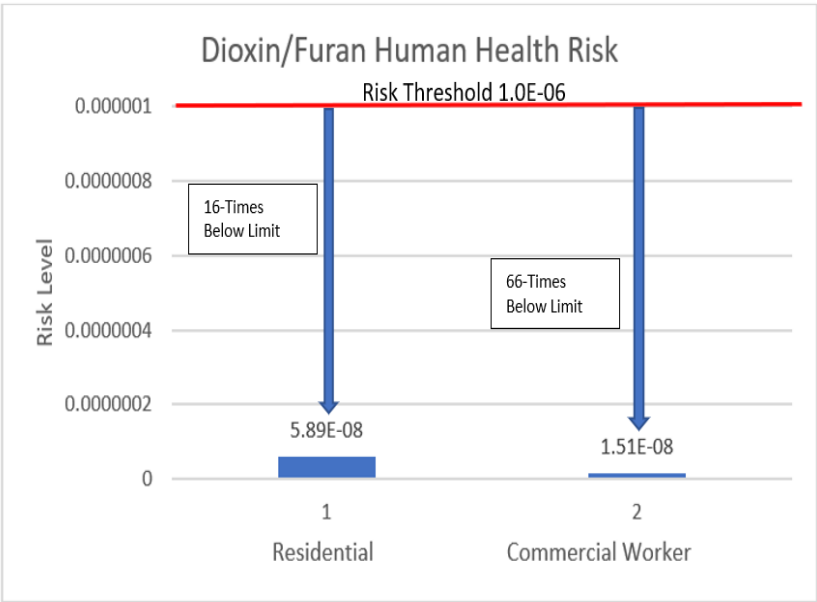
**Contaminants:** Dioxin/furan and toxic air contaminant (TAC) emissions projected for the full-scale system.

**Distance to Nearest Resident:** 1,312 feet away

**Distance to Nearest Worker:** 164 feet away

**Results:**

- There are **no unacceptable risks** for a resident or commercial worker, even with the worst-case emissions data.
- Dioxin/Furan exposures are approximately 1-2 orders of magnitude below the base risk threshold set by EPA
- Dioxin/Furan and TAC exposures are below the risk threshold
- Compliant with local SCAQMD requirements

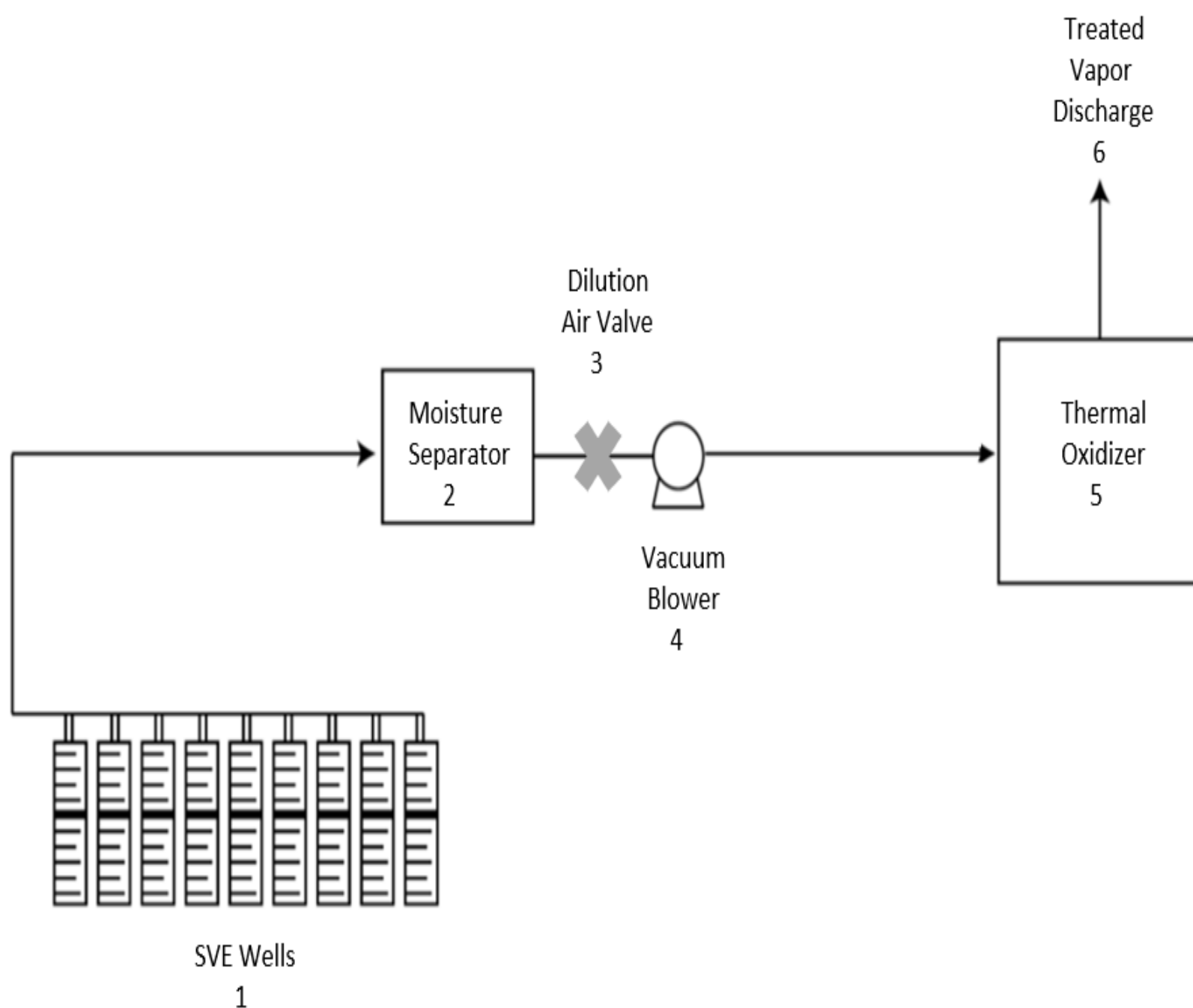




# RECOMMENDED SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION SYSTEM

## CONCEPTUAL SYSTEM COMPONENTS

1. **Wells:** Screened across contaminated soil. Wells are connected to piping to bring the contamination to the surface for treatment.
2. **Moisture Separator:** Removes moisture from the vapor stream prior to vapor treatment.
3. **Dilution Air Valve:** Introduces ambient air to the incoming contamination concentrations in the vapor stream allowing for more efficient treatment.
4. **Vacuum Blower:** Creates vacuum to extract the vapors from the sub-surface.
5. **Thermal Oxidizer:** Destroys incoming contamination concentrations.
6. **Discharge:** Treated vapor stream is sampled to ensure compliance with state and local regulatory standards before discharge to ambient air.





# SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION

## TYPICAL SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

### Typical Exterior View

Treated Vapor Discharge

Treatment Compound Fence



### Typical Interior View

Treated Vapor Discharge

Moisture Separator

Thermal Oxidizer

**Note:**  
Image does not show the dilution air valve or vacuum blower



Piping From Wells



# PATH FORWARD

